

**MINUTES OF THE MARCH 28, 2014 MEETING
OF THE REGIONAL HIE WORKGROUP OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE
ILLINOIS HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE AUTHORITY**

The Regional HIE Workgroup (“Workgroup”) of the Board of the Illinois Health Information Exchange Authority (“Authority”), pursuant to notice duly given, held a meeting at 1:00 p.m. on March 28, 2014 at the James R. Thompson Center, 100 W. Randolph St., Chicago, Illinois 60601, with a telephone and video conference call capability.

<u>Appointed Workgroup Members Present:</u> Mr. David Holland (phone) Dr. Nancy Newby (phone)	<u>Authority and GOHIT Staff Present:</u> Raul Recarey, Kerri McBride, Elizabeth LaRocca
<u>Institutional Members and Public Participants:</u> Chuck Cox, MCHC (phone) Steve Lawrence, LincolnLand and Illinois Health Exchange Partners (phone) Crystal VanDeventer, LincolnLand and Illinois Health Exchange Partners (phone) Susan O’Keefe, MCHC (phone) Joy Duling, Central Illinois HIE (phone) Kim Larkin, Washington County Hospital (phone) Megan (SIHIE)	

Call to Order and Roll Call

Ms. Kerri McBride, General Counsel of the ILHIE Authority, confirmed the presence of the members of the Workgroup noted above and quorum. The ability of the members to clearly participate by telephone was confirmed and there were no objections expressed to participation of any member by conference call.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Workgroup meeting, that took place on November 21st, 2013, were approved with no additional amendments.

Introduction from New Chair, Dr. Nancy Newby

Dr. Nancy Newby has taken over the position of Chair for the Regional HIE Workgroup. She thanked former Chair Dr. Cheryl Whitaker for her service and commitment, and expressed her desire for the continued success of the Workgroup.

ACE Update

Mr. Raul Recarey, Executive Director of the Authority, provided an update regarding the ACE organizations. He stated that seven (7) ACE organizations have been given conditional approval by HFS to proceed to contracting phase. The goal is to have a contract in place by July 1st. The seven ACE organizations that were approved in the first round are as follows:

ACES Community Health
Accountable Care Chicago
ACE Care Services
Advocate Position Partners
Chicago Southside ACE
Illinois Partnership for Health
Loyola University Health System ACE

In order to ensure that the contracts will be in place by July 1st, each of the ACE organizations were given a survey that provides more detailed information for each group highlighting individual concerns. These surveys were due March 28, 2014. The surveys will be used to chart the future strategy for each organization. After all of the data has been collected, it is anticipated that each organization will have a one-on-one meeting with the Authority sometime in April to discuss their future strategy. Following the meetings, final recommendations are anticipated to be given to HFS in May, provided that an agreed upon plan of action is reached by the ACE organizations.

HFS has provided an eighteen (18) month plan with multiple milestones in place for the ACE organizations. The first milestone will be Master Patient Index (MPI) upload capability. ACE organizations will be required to connect to ILHIE directly or indirectly through the Regionals. If any of the ACE organizations choose to connect indirectly, then a deadline will be put in place. That deadline is unknown at this time.

Following Mr. Recarey's update of the ACE organizations, comments and concerns were expressed in order to better move the process forward:

- Concerns were expressed about the clarity of the first milestone established by HFS. Some members believed that the ACE organizations lacked a clear understanding regarding the transition into connecting themselves with the ILHIE. Additionally, one member believed that there must be greater clarification for the consistency of the initial MPI upload required to meet the first milestone. It was decided that these concerns would be best resolved if taken directly to HFS due to their leading role in establishing said milestones.

- Concerns were expressed regarding the permitted purpose of scope within the Data Sharing Agreement (DSA). Some members believed that providers want access to data in return for the data that they provide to the ILHIE, e.g., connectivity to national labs, prescription information, and Medicaid claims data. Mr. Recarey suggested that these concerns be made known to HFS.

ILHIE Strategic Planning Follow Up

There were 82 suggestions provided to the Authority regarding the strategic planning for future Authority direction and initiatives. Each will be further assessed. An additional issue was identified in regards to the availability of services. Regional services are not universally available throughout Illinois. If a service that ILHIE provides appears to be duplicative in one region, that service may not be available via the Regionals throughout the state and will require greater collaboration between Regionals and the ILHIE. One member suggested analyzing the each individual suggestion and grouping similar opinions to better address the issues at hand. The next step will be to provide the Board with a more detailed summary of findings allowing the process to move forward.

State Innovation Plan Update

Elizabeth LaRocca explained that the State's Innovation Plan has been submitted and made public. The next step will be waiting for the Federal instructions that should be made available some time in April. Within 6-8 weeks of receiving instruction, the state will submit the grant application for the Federal funding. The grant application will be written in collaboration with GOHIT and members from the other health and social service organizations within the state.

Meeting Frequency/Next Steps

Meeting frequency was called into question. The committee generally agreed to establish a bi-monthly meeting schedule opposite of the Board meetings, with 2 in-person meetings a year that coincide with Board meetings.

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for May 15th, 2014 at 11:00 a.m.

Comments and topics for discussion should be sent to Mr. Raul Recarey, in advance of the next meeting.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned 2:04 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Alex Martell